Q1: The Draft Growth Management Strategy approach for the Timaru urban area seeks to utilise existing residential and business (commercial and industrial) capacity already available to provide for growth to 2043. No additional new residential or business land is identified. Residential intensification is proposed adjacent to Highfield and the areas around the Timaru Town Centre to provide for modest increases in housing density (such as two – three storey apartments), and Rural Residential opportunities are identified at Elloughton South, Kelland Heights and Gleniti North. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Any further comments or is there something else we should consider?

Generally agree especially the intent to halt or lessen the spread of rural residential lifestyle development onto rural productive land. With regards to Kelland Heights proposed Rural Residential opportunities, there are at least two areas which contain natural values within or nearby and these need to be retained and protected, if not already done so. One is the Kellands Hill natural carex wetland in a natural gully west of the road. And the other area is further up this gully, below the Mt View Village, where there are natural stands of kowhai trees and should be retained. So if these two areas are within the proposed Kelland Heights or one of the other proposed areas, ask that these natural features be retained and maintained. Also consideration should be given to maintaining the excellent far reaching views that can be seen from both Kelland Hill Road and Pages Road.

Q2: The Draft Growth Management Strategy approach for Geraldine is to better use the existing Town Centre land, rather than rezone any additional land; provide for increased residential densities close to the Town Centre as well as provide for low density new residential at Orari Station Road; Rural Residential zoned opportunities at Main North East and Cascade Plan; and a new Light Industrial area at Tipilady. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Any further comments or is there something else we should consider?

Generally agree but point out that there are natural values, of native trees, existing on the Downs which need to be retained and protected from development - if not already done so.

Q3: Under the Draft Growth Management Strategy, we are seeking to consolidate the existing Town Centre of Pleasant Point for commercial activities and not rezone any additional land. Residential growth at Pleasant Point is to be accommodated through existing opportunities in terms of infill development, as well as a new Rural Residential zone adjoining Manse Road. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Q4: For Temuka, we are seeking to utilise existing residential and business capacity already present in the settlement area. Rural Residential opportunities will be provided for in areas at Thomson Road and Guild Road. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Any further comments or is there something else we should consider?

The existing walkways and cycling tracks not be crowded out by building developments. And walkways and cycling tracks be extended where possible and there is a need for them.
Q5: The Draft Growth Management Strategy seeks to provide a more focused approach to Rural Residential development, through focusing opportunities for rural residential and lifestyle allotments at specific zones peripheral to Timaru, Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point, instead of the current dispersed approach throughout the Rural zone. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Please briefly explain the main reasons for your answer, or something else you’d like us to consider further?

Yes generally agree that the focus of rural residential development should be more targeted. So as to prevent the spread of residential life style blocks onto productive food producing lands and near natural areas. Rural 1 an 2 Zone should be maintained primarily for food production and not lost to urban like sprawl and such intensification. And ask that rural subdivision not be permitted, as a right, adjacent to or near significant natural areas - especially those areas which have been surveyed and designated by Council itself. Buffer zone or protection areas should be placed around such areas in order to limit the adverse impacts that can and have affected Significant Natural Areas in the past.

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Q6: Overall, how much do you agree or disagree with the overall direction of the Draft Growth Management Strategy?

(no label) Agree

If you've identified that you Strongly Agree, Disagree or Strongly Disagree with the overall direction of the Draft Growth Management Strategy, can you briefly let us know the main reasons for your answer?

Generally agree including the intentions for residential development within the City of Timaru limits. Some areas in the south end, for example, where there are many older dwellings could be an area where renewal of housing could take place.
Q7: How much do you agree or disagree with the following direction of the Draft Growth Management Strategy?

District character
Comment: Agree
Yes maintain the character of the district which contains distinctive landscapes, buildings and homes.

Landscapes and amenity
Comment: Agree
Landscapes are an important part of the District and needs to be retained and some features protected. Such as outstanding limestone formations, basalt outcrops and natural features.

Settlement patterns and urban form
Comment: Agree
Retain settlements and urban form and urge new buildings blend in with existing patterns. Holiday residential homes need to be limited to those existing already.

Building resilient communities
Comment: Agree
Yes this is important

Takata whenua
Comment: Agree

Sustainable economy
Comment: Strongly agree
Yes is important and needs promotion by the Council

Transport
Comment: Neither agree or disagree
Encourage more people to use the excellent bus services that already exists.

Infrastructure
Comment: Agree
Here there is a need to retain infrastructure which should be maintained to appropriate standards.

Rural
Comment: Agree
Yes intentions are generally good and do focus on limiting rural residential development to specific sites.

Residential
Comment: Agree
Yes the intention for Timaru and other towns are generally good. Provided that intention covers rural land to halt or limit the urban like sprawl. Including near areas of natural significance.

Community and open space
Comment: Strongly agree
Very important and open space which provide views to the outstanding landscapes of the District should not be impinged upon.

Leadership and partnership
Comment: Agree
Important the Council show good leadership which covers all aspects of the District including inherent natural values. And developing partnerships with community groups is needed and would be welcomed by many.
Q8: The Draft Growth Management Strategy identifies three key challenges (page 21) that it is seeking to provide direction on for growth in the district to 2043. These include: Managing the challenges associated with a modest level of forecast population growth, and an increase in the elderly population; The Council discharging its legal responsibilities under the Resource Management Act (1991) and the Local Government Act (2002); A community expectation that the Council takes an active role in integrating and managing growth, including that the costs of growth are fairly distributed and do not fall predominantly on the wider community. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach? How much do you agree or disagree with these challenges?

(no label) Agree

Can you let us know what additional key challenges we should consider, if any.

Yes, there is the question of climate change and how it will affect coastal areas in particular. Has this been a consideration?

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Q9: Any other general comments relating to the Draft Growth Management Strategy?

Yes please refer to my previous responses on the Draft District Plan.

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Q11: Supporting documents
Respondent skipped this question